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Brown Road in Mesa closed for several months at Loop 202 construction zone starting Monday (Jan. 8)

A planned seven-month closure of Brown Road near the future Loop 202 in Mesa starts Monday morning (Jan. 8) to speed construction of a new bridge over the freeway.

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) says Brown Road will be closed between 80th and 86th streets until this summer to allow crews to shave several months off the schedule for building the bridge and other features, including roundabout intersections, at the future freeway interchange.

Access to local neighborhoods will be maintained. Drivers are encouraged to use McKellips Road and University Drive as the primary east-west routes in the area.

In addition to allowing the accelerated construction schedule, the full closure also will provide a safer work zone in the area.

The work is part of the \$195 million project to build the Red Mountain Freeway between Power Road and University Drive. The entire freeway project is scheduled for completion in summer 2008.

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